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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

There are typological errors in page 3 line 2, page 4 line 16, and abstract line 2.

"Assess" should have been "access".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 2 recites "an user interface". Claim 4, which depends on claim 2, recites "the first user interface". The examiner respectfully suggests the applicant to change "an user interface" in claim 2 to "a first user interface" to be consistent with the terminology and avoid antecedent basis problem.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication Number 2002/0138763 issued to Shawn P. Delany et al (hereinafter "Delany").

As per claim 1, Delany discloses,

A method of managing identity information on behalf of network services, the method comprising the steps of (Figure 1, paragraph 96):

obtaining a first meta data record describing a first of said network services (paragraph 130); and

utilizing said first meta data record to obtain a first service data record containing first identity management information for an user of the first network service (Figure 3, 8, paragraph 108 – 109, 139 – 142).

As per claim 2, Delany discloses,

the step of utilizing the first meta data record to create an user interface for the user of the first network service to enable the user to view said first identity management information (Figure 8, paragraph 107, 154 - 155).

As per claim 3, Delany discloses,

the step of utilizing the first meta data record to create a first user interface for the user of the first network service to enable the user to modify said first identity management information (Figure 8, paragraph 108 – 109).

As per claim 4, Delany discloses,

the first user interface is dynamically configured during creation according to field information contained in the first meta data record (paragraph 130, 142, 155, 274).

As per claim 5, Delany discloses,
obtaining a second meta data record describing a second of said network services; and

utilizing said second meta data record to obtain a second service data record containing second identity management information for a second user of the second network service (Figure 1, 3, 8, and paragraph 108 – 109, 130, 139 - 142).

As per claim 6, Delany discloses,
utilizing the second meta data record to create a second user interface for the user of the second network service to enable the second user to view said second identity management information (Figure 8, paragraph 107, 154 - 155).

As per claim 7, Delany discloses,
the first identity management information includes first network service provisioning information for the user of the first network service (paragraph 11, 109).

As per claim 8, Delany discloses,
denying access to the first network service where the first identity management information indicates that the user is not provisioned on the first network service (Figure 11, 13, paragraph 106, 116 – 118).

As per claim 9, Delany discloses,
A method of fulfilling identity management information requests from a network user (Figure 11, 13, paragraph 106), comprising:
obtaining meta data associated with a network service (paragraph 109, 116 – 118);

using the meta data to present an identity management user interface to an user of the network service (paragraph 107, 154 – 156); and

populating the identity management user interface with identity information associated with the user (paragraph 142).

As per claim 10, Delany discloses,
receiving a request for identity management information for the network service from the network user over the user interface (Figure 11, 13, paragraph 106);

obtaining the identity information associated with the network user (Figure 3, 8, paragraph 108 – 109).; and

presenting the identity information to the network user via the user interface (Figure 8, paragraph 107, 154 - 156).

As per claim 11, Delany discloses,
accessing an identity information database and retrieving a service record from said identity information database containing identity information associated with the network user (Figure 3, 4, paragraph 129 – 120).

As per claim 12, Delany discloses,
modifying the identity information upon request of the network user (paragraph 108 – 109).

As per claim 13, Delany discloses,
writing changes to the identity information to an identity information database (paragraph 108 – 109).

As per claim 14, Delany discloses,

validating at least one of the changes to the identity information and the identity information before writing the changes to the identity information to the identity information database (paragraph 109: 12 – 20).

As per claim 15, Delany discloses,

An identity management infrastructure, comprising:

an interface layer configured to receive first identity management requests from first network users of a first network service and second identity management requests from second network users of a second network service (Figure 1, Figure 3 element 150, paragraph 135);

a data access daemon configured to process the first and second identity management requests (Figure 3 element 120 and 152, paragraph 128 – 129, 132); and

a data access layer configured to enable the data access daemon to access identity management data from at least one identity management database in connection with processing the identity management requests (Figure 3: agent and connection manager, paragraph 130 - 131).

As per claim 16, Delany discloses,

the data access layer comprises an API configured to communicate with the data access daemon, and an API configured to communicate with the identity management database containing the identity management data (paragraph 120, 148).

As per claim 17, Delany discloses,

the API is configured to communicate with the database utilizing at least one of Embedded Structured Query Language (ESQL), Open DataBase Connectivity (ODBC),

Java DataBase Connectivity (JDBC), and Lightweight Data Access Protocol (LDAP) (paragraph 120, 129).

As per claim 18, Delany discloses,
the data access daemon comprises a communications layer configured to facilitate communications with the interface layer (Figure 3, paragraph 136), and a data access daemon core configured to provide identity management services (Figure 3, paragraph 128 – 129, 132).

As per claim 19, Delany discloses,
an API configured to interact with meta data structures and service structures retrieved from the identity management database (paragraph 120, 129, 148).

As per claim 20, Delany discloses,
the meta data structures describe the network services (Figure 3, paragraph 130), and the service structures describe identity information associated with users of the network services (paragraph 139 – 142).

As per claim 21, Delany discloses,
an authentication module configured to authenticate the first and second network users and an authorization module configured to assess authorization levels associated with the first and second network users (Figure 1 element 34, paragraph 106, 116 – 119, 148).

As per claim 22, Delany discloses,
a validation module configured to validate data prior to modification of data in the database (paragraph 109: 12 – 20).

Contact Information


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